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## TITLE OF INVENTION

## STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND DEVICE

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

Takashi MASATO

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4.  The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
  - a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
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  - b.  has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
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  - b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10.  An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11.  A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12.  A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

## Items 13 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

13.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15.  A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16.  A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17.  A substitute specification.
18.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
19.  A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
20.  A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
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22.  Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
23.  Other items or information:

Request for Consideration of Documents in International Search Report  
Notice of Priority/ PCT/IB/304 / PCT/IB/308 / Drawings (13 sheets)

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>15-0030</b> A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p></p> <p><b>22850</b></p> <p>Surinder Sachar<br/>Registration No. 34,423</p> <p>(703) 413-3000</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>Surinder Sachar</i></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Marvin J. 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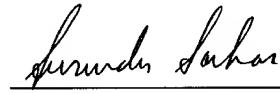
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Sir:

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A certified copy of the corresponding Convention application(s) was submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/05928. **Receipt of the certified copy(s) by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.**

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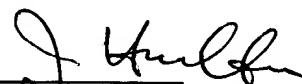
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